

Application Serial No. 10/088,627  
Amendment dated August 19, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of July 19, 2004

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (previously presented): A strain of an *Agrobacterium* sp. which constitutively expresses a stereoselective enzyme system for use in the enzymatic synthesis of D-amino acids.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The *Agrobacterium* sp. as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said *Agrobacterium* sp. constitutively expresses enzymes which convert racemic mixtures of 5-substituted hydantoins to D-amino acids in the absence of glutamine.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The *Agrobacterium* sp. as claimed in Claim 12, wherein said *Agrobacterium* sp. constitutively expresses enzymes which convert racemic mixtures of N-carbamylamino acids to D-amino acids.

Claim 15 (previously presented): The *Agrobacterium* sp. as claimed in claim 12 which is indistinguishable from *Agrobacterium* RU-OR based its 16S rRNA gene sequence.

Claims 16-23 (cancelled)